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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Prosecution - Group Art Unit 1761

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Leslie A. Wong |
| STEPHEN A. SCHROEDER ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 1761 |
| Application No.: 09/903,710 |) | |
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| Filed: July 31, 2001 |) | |
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| For: METHOD OF PREPARING LIQUID |) | |
| COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY | : | |
| OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL)- |) | |
| L- α -ASPARTYL]-L- | : | |
| PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL |) | |
| ESTER IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE | : | |
| SYSTEMS |) | April 3, 2006 |

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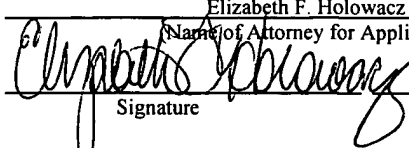
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2005, in the above-noted case. A Notice of Appeal and Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were timely filed on February 1, 2006. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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|  | <u>April 3, 2006</u> |
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